

Resources

# How to help prevent a ransomware cyber attack



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# Prevent the spread of harmful software

Secure your network with VPN and protect it with multi-factor authentication for remote access

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Regularly review and manage user access, removing any unnecessary permissions

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Keep your firewalls robust and updated to ensure maximum security



# Regularly take backups and update software



Schedule routine data backups

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Create multiple data copies using various methods, with at least one stored offline

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Before restoring data, scan backups for viruses to prevent ransomware issues

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Implement software updates promptly upon release



# Prepare your business for a cyber incident

Identify essential data and digital assets

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Evaluate the impact if they are compromised

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Develop a pre-emptive response to any ransom demands

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Establish a communication strategy that includes internal and external stakeholders

# Avoid paying ransoms

UK law enforcement advises against paying ransom demands - here's why:

There's no assurance that your organisation will regain access to its data or systems

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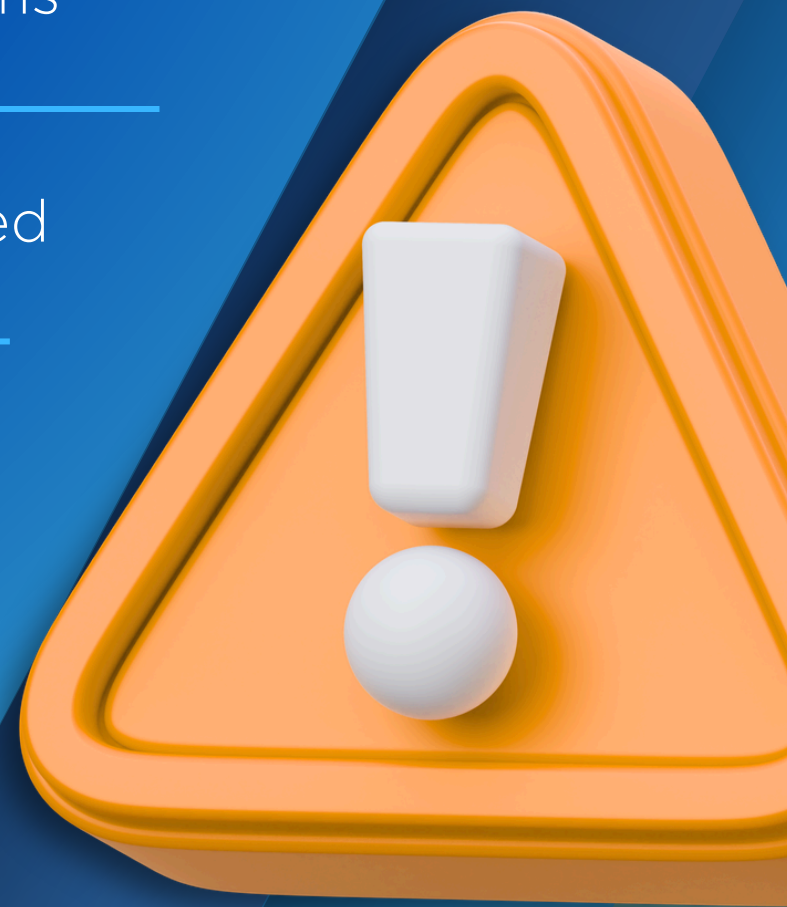
Your network will remain compromised

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Paying supports criminal activities

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Your organisation may become a future target for cyber criminals



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